

Hillsboro City Council Meeting  
October 27, 2009

Mayor Baran called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll call was taken and those present were Mayor Baran and Commissioners Trost, McCammack and Sherer.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commissioner Sherer thanked all those involved with making this year's "haunted forest" a success. Commissioner Sherer also informed everyone that 500 largemouth bass were stocked in Glenn Shoals Lake. Sherer reported that work is still ongoing at the Challacombe house. Commissioner Sherer also noted that an upcoming fundraiser for the Angel Tree program would be held on November 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Commissioner Sherer next informed everyone that he had hired Rudy Recer to be the winter campground host at a fee of \$100.00 per month.

Commissioner Trost again thanked everyone involved with the sale of the surrendered property from Sandy's Dollar Store. The sale did not recapture all that was owed.

Mayor Baran welcomed Attorney Steve Cullison who was filling in as City Attorney until one can be selected.

Commissioner McCammack reported that his departments would be picking up bagged leaves beginning November 9<sup>th</sup> and continuing through the 13<sup>th</sup>. McCammack also reminded everyone of the City wide cleanup that will be held November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Baran asked Commissioners Sherer and McCammack to set a date for "open houses" at the Challacombe House and Water Plant.

Mayor Baran informed everyone that he has received a few proposals for a new City Attorney and would schedule a special meeting for this coming Friday to review the applications.

Chief Satterlee reported for Commissioner Hill that the Police Department recently hosted a field trip for the Hillsboro High School Criminal Justice class. The event was well attended and received positive feedback from the students. Satterlee next informed everyone that the Police Department would be handing out treat bags this Friday at Beckemeyer School and the Hillsboro Day Care Center. Chief Satterlee also noted there would be a ceremony at the Hillsboro War Memorial on Veteran's Day at 11:00 am.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to approve Resolution 2009-10 abating taxes authorized by Ordinance 1503 for the year 2009 payable in 2010. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Sherer discussed bow hunting on City owned property with the intent of maintaining the status quo of previous years. After further discussion it was determined the only way to conform to the present City Code, which bans the killing of birds or animals on City property, would be to pass an ordinance.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve **Ordinance 1506** permitting bow hunting for deer on City owned property. The permits would be issued by approval of the Code Enforcement Officer. Motion carried 4-0.

City Engineer Scott Hunt explained to the Council the need for 2 change orders related to the new rail spur grant agreement.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve **change order #1** involving the new rail spur allowing for additional quantities of ties and pavement removal related to the road crossing. The amount would be \$19,674.00 to be paid with grant funds. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Trost** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to approve **change order #2** involving the rail spur allowing for extension of a waterline encasement and construction observation by Hurst & Rosche. The amount of the change order would be a maximum of \$35,263.50 contingent on I.D.O.T. approve. Motion carried 4-0.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve a bid of \$31,658.25 for installation of an encasement pipe under the rail line to supply raw water to the Deer Run mine site. Motion carried 4-0.

After a discussion as to validity of the motion as it relates to the current agenda Commissioner Trost withdrew his second and Commissioner McCammack withdrew his first. The item would be placed on the agenda for this Friday's special meeting.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve the proposal from Hurst & Rosche to design and observe the construction of the new raw and finished water lines supplying the Deer Run mine. The amounts were not to exceed \$390,000.00 for design and \$130,000.00 for observation.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCammack** and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve Hurst & Rosche to design and observe the construction of intake screens on Glenn Shoals Lake. The proposal was \$9,100.00 for design and \$4,900.00 for observation. Motion carried 4-0.

The Council was presented with recommendations from the Police and Fire Board to hire Nick Lanthrip in the Fire Department and approve a hiring list established through testing and interviews that would be valid for two years.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner McCammack** to approve the hiring of Nick Lanthrip in the Fire Department as well as a hiring list as submitted by the Police and Fire Board. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Baran introduced Bob Price who wished to address the Council to represent concerns of many of the campers. Foremost on Price's list was a lack of leadership and lines of communication. The majority of his concerns could be taken care of with a host on-site at all times. Since July there has been no "go to" person to address day to day operations and enforce the rules. Camping fees can not be effectively collected without a host. Safety is also a primary concern when there is no host as that person is the primary contact point in an emergency. The host phone also serves as the emergency phone as required by the State. Campers have also been placing items in front of their campers which could lead to safety issues if there is a fire or other emergency where these may have to be moved quickly. Also under safety, it was felt that sites should be numbered better to aid emergency personnel.

Associated with the absence of a host is the loss of the ice amenity managed by the host. It is felt that there needs to be more amenities for the campers for the fees generated as compared to other camping areas nearby. More playground equipment is also needed.

Another concern was low amperage at some sites causing campers to ruin appliances. Revenues from camping needs to be placed in the budget and used to upgrade the electric and water facilities.

The campers also feel issues and concerns need to be addressed at least once a year between themselves and the City.

Mayor Baran thanked Mr. Price for his concerns.

Commissioner Sherer asked Mr. Price to supply him a copy of his talking points.

Mayor Baran also stated that the issue of perks to City employees, Volunteer Firemen and Auxiliary Police needs to be addressed before next season begins.

Upcoming items will be a special meeting on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, at noon to approve the installation of encasement piping at the new rail spur and review prospective appointments of a new City Attorney. An item on the agenda of the next regular meeting will be approval of a resolution allowing for the sale of surplus property located at the old water plant.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 8:08 pm by Commissioner Sherer** and seconded by Commissioner McCammack. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Booher, City Clerk